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Summary of Congressional Comment Regarding
Southeast Asia - 24 June 1964

Representative Charles E. Bennett (D., Fla.) took the floor of the House to challenge Republican candidates for the Presidency to speak out on their position with respect to Viet Nam. Mr. Bennett criticized the tendency on the part of Republicans to make the general statement that we should either get in or get out. He decried the lack of bipartisanship with respect to Viet Nam and supported the Administration's policy to win in Viet Nam but "...to attempt first to do it by assisting the local government rather than making the war our war."

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| Remarks: Excerpt from the <u>Congressional Record</u> containing the remarks of Representative Charles E. Bennett on Viet Nam. Mr. Bennett is a member of the CIA Subcommittee of House Armed Services. | | | |
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